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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete all paragraphs under the section entitled "Summary of Invention" and insert the following paragraph:

In general, the present invention is directed to a disposable absorbent article having a longitudinal axis, a lateral axis, and a lateral centerline generally defining longitudinal front and back halves of the article. The article has a front end and a back end. The article comprises a liner adapted for contiguous relationship with a wearer's body. An outer cover is in generally opposed relationship with the liner. The article has a surface area defined at least in part by at least one of the liner and the outer cover. An absorbent core has a front edge, a back edge, and a surface area which is less than about 50% of the surface area of the article. The front edge of the absorbent core is in a closer proximity to the front end of the article than the back edge of the absorbent core is to the back end of the article. At least one of the liner and the outer cover is stretchable in at least one direction. The absorbent core is disposed between the liner and the outer cover and bonded to at least one of the liner and the outer cover thereby inhibiting the stretchability of the liner or the outer cover.